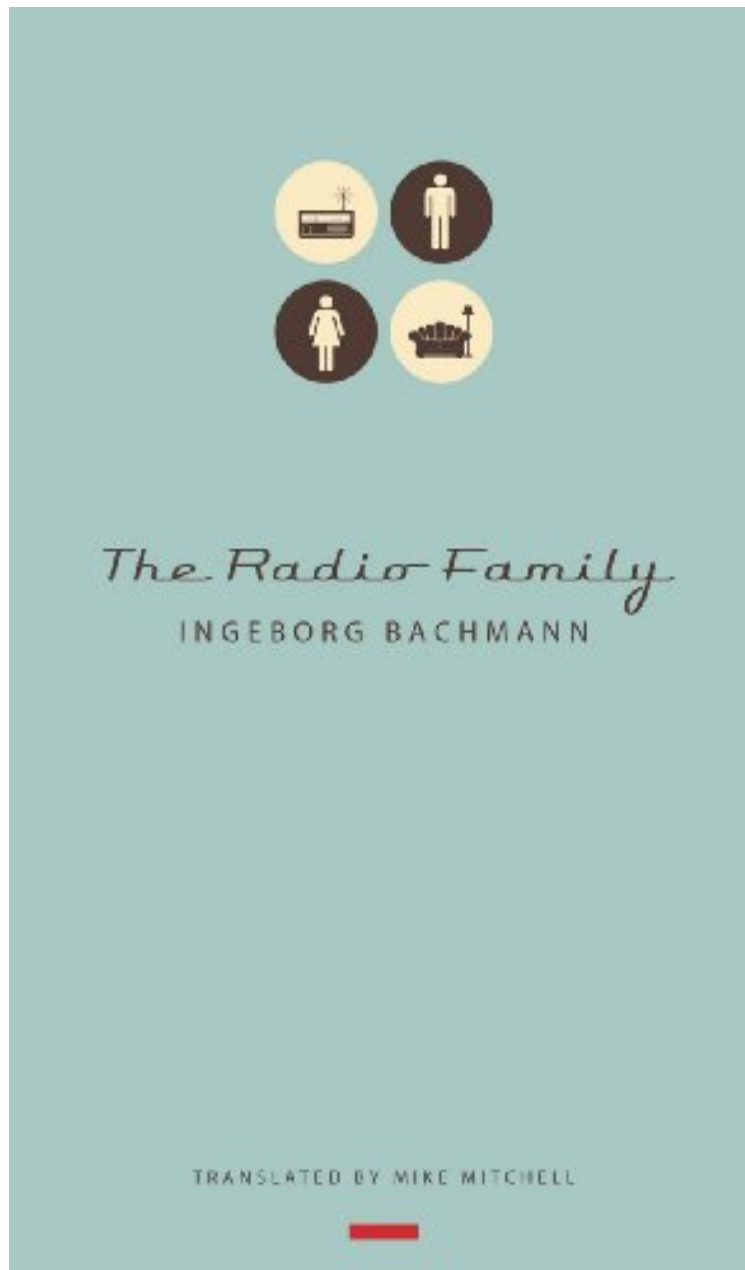


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would be worth my time, and all praised *The Radio Family* (The German List):

Ingeborg Bachmann (1926-1973) is recognized as one of post-war German literatures most important novelists, poets, and playwrights. Influenced by Hans Weigel and the legendary literary circle Gruppe 47, Bachmann gained international renown for her poems, short stories, and novels, and won numerous awards for her work. Sadly, her life ended abruptly in October of 1973 when a lit cigarette burned down her apartment causing Bachmann to suffer severe burns that would eventually prove fatal. The author was only forty-seven, and her tragic death left what could have been a long and lustrous writing career regrettably stunted. Nearly twenty years after her death, during an estate sale in Vienna, fifteen episodes of the popular Viennese radio drama *The Radio Family* were discovered. Remarkably, they happened to be written by Ingeborg Bachmann herself, who had been a writer on the show just after she graduated university. *The Radio Family* was a popular radio soap opera broadcast in the American sector of occupied Vienna in the 1950s. The program focused on a middle-class Viennese family and their everyday life. Topics ranged from birthday parties and holiday plans to profiteering and currency fraud in the commercial sector, and Austrians involvement in the Nazi past. All fifteen scripts have now been compiled and masterfully translated, revealing an early and significant piece of Bachmanns body of work, while simultaneously offering a rare glimpse into Viennas quotidian history.